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Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 83, Low 54 Partly cloudy	High 79, Low 52 Partly cloudy	High 77, Low 50 Partly cloudy



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Life-saving exercises

Hurlburt Field firefighters use the fire hose to guide them out of a burning building during a joint-exercise Tuesday on Okaloosa Island with seven local fire departments. See Page 10

Sexual assault crime; education video mandated

By Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

Sexual assault. It's a crime, and it won't be tolerated at Hurlburt Field.

But, confidential help is now available.

In January, the Department of Defense announced a new policy for handling sexual assaults. Since, the Air Force has engaged in a service-wide campaign to educate and assist Airmen.

Clara Miller was appointed the sexual assault response coordinator for Hurlburt Field in June.

"We want Airmen to know there's help available to them," said Ms. Miller. "They don't need to try and overcome this by themselves."

Col. Paul Harmon, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, and Ms. Miller are the Hurlburt Field points of contact for the SARC program.

"We want to make the base aware of the problem and the

solutions," said Colonel Harmon. "We're attacking this from the commanders down and from the young Airmen up."

Colonel Harmon and Ms. Miller briefed squadron commanders and first sergeants on the sexual assault education and awareness program and the wing commander's plan for Hurlburt Field.

"The plan follows (16th SOW Commander) Col. (Norman) Brozenick's

Aimpoints for the base are to fight and win, take care of families and wingmen and become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders," said Colonel Harmon.

"We can't accomplish our mission if our Airmen are hurt or distracted," he said. "In order to perform, we must take care of our people."

The first step is education. An Air Force training video, "Targeting Sexual Assault" was distributed to vice wing commanders Air Force-wide,

with a training completion date of Nov. 1. Unit commanders are asked to send their weekly training updates to the SARC. Colonel Harmon and Ms. Miller have been briefing the Hurlburt Field Airmen Leadership School and the Commando Pride Airmen's Center classes in hopes of reaching the critical target audiences.

"The age group most vulnerable to this crime is 18-24 years old," said Colonel Harmon. "ALS and CPAC can enhance their training blocks related to sexual assault with this information."

The second step is awareness. Airmen need to understand that awareness will lead to assault prevention.

"Through the newspaper, the commander's access channel and posters, we're going to bring up the level of awareness on base," said Colonel Harmon.

Most importantly, there are two avenues for reporting sexual assault: restricted and

unrestricted.

The restricted report allows for total confidentiality. The DOD implemented the policy to allow victims to report the crime directly to the SARC, clergy or health-care professional without fear of disclosure. Vice commanders will receive notice of the sexual assault and its location, but nothing further. This allows the commanders to be aware of and correct the situations and prevent further assaults.

The unrestricted report is through the Airmen's chain of command, security forces or the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and allows for no confidentiality in any area.

"Whatever caused the assault is irrelevant, it needs to be reported," said Colonel Harmon. "The question shouldn't be whether an Airmen reports it, but to whom they report it. Either way, restricted or unrestricted

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Pursuing Aimpoints...and you!

By Col. Norman Brozenick Jr.
16th SOW Commander

You're invited to tell Team Hurlburt about your individual or team pursuit of the 16th Special Operations Wing Aimpoints.

The *Commando* is one of our most important communication tools.

It provides an avenue for Team Hurlburt to keep

abreast of news from the Air Force and Department of Defense, and it's a valuable way to help achieve our 16th Special Operations Wing Aimpoints (see text box to the right).

Beginning with this issue, the *Commando* will feature weekly editorials reflecting on the Aimpoints – penned by commanders, supervisors and Airmen throughout

Team Hurlburt.

Each edition will feature a different Aimpoint. Chief Master Sgt. Todd Small, 16th SOW command chief, kicks off the series this week with his thoughts on developing the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders. Authorship isn't limited to commanders and first sergeants. If you'd like to write on one of the

Aimpoints, let your supervisor know, and they can make arrangements with your group and the *Commando* staff. Col. Paul Harmon, 16th SOW vice commander, Chief Small and I look forward to reading your thoughts on the Aimpoints. As always, thank you for your service, sacrifice and selflessness.

Our no-fail mission demands nothing less.

16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to the base commander for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the *COMMANDO*. Other questions will be answered by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give the commander a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.

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Leadership:

Analog communication skills in digital world

By Chief Master Sgt. Todd Small
16th SOW Command Chief

Today, communications move at the speed of light – skipping across entire hemispheres in mere seconds.

Today, owing to the magical manipulation of "1s" and "0s," each of us is just a few mouse clicks away from nearly instantaneous access to digitized versions of the greatest works of art, literature and science.

Today, unlike any other time in the annals of military history, a young two-striper has an immediate and unfettered ability to directly present his or her views (good, bad or indifferent) to the most senior leaders of our military – all through the advent of something called "e-mail."

Today, I can (and do) use a small, portable electronic device that keeps all my e-mail, contacts, projects,

tasks and calendar items neatly packaged and accessible no matter where I am – in the office, on the flight line, in the chow line or at my home.

Today, despite all the great advantages offered by the globally interconnected network of digital information processing devices, one thing remains certain: technology is no substitute for face-to-face communication, and interaction between leaders and those they lead.

Today, the more time we spend weaving our way through courtesy-copied copies of courtesy-copied copies of e-mail, the more time we spend authoring encyclopedia-sized e-mails, the less time we have for "1v1" interaction.

Gen. John Jumper, former Air Force Chief of Staff, had it absolutely right when he reminded us that: "Leadership is an analog skill in this digital world we live in. There's no substitute for getting off your butt and getting out there, face-to-face, human-to-human. Contact – that's leadership."

Today, the need to get out there, talk to and get to know those you're

charged with leading, including their concerns as well as their innovative ideas, is as relevant as it ever was and perhaps more so than ever.

So, loosen the death-grip on your computer mouse, pry yourself away from your keyboard, step outside your office and spend some time with those around you.

As our wing commander would say, "Join up on the wing of an Airman who's made a personal and professional commitment to the mission." Today, if you do this one simple thing, you, your folks, your organization and our Air Force will benefit. Get out there, take a walk with your troops, listen to them – learn from them.

Why? Because, it's this interaction, this mentoring, that's essential to the development of well-rounded, professional and capable future leaders. That's something e-mail can't and won't do.

Today and tomorrow, the hallmark of our success will be the character and competence of those Airmen who follow in our footsteps – not the final tally of e-mails sent and received.

Air Commando Salute

Organization: 25th Information Operations Squadron
Duty Title: Supply technician

Hometown: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, choir and playing sports

Mission Contributions:

Sergeant Georges verifies, processes and manages all mission support requirements and mission-capable reporting for Air Force Special Operations

Command Silent Shield equipment.

She also maintains and coordinates mission-critical data between maintenance activities, supply and depot. She researched and tracked down missing internal air-lift/helicopter-slingable-container unit 90 containing more than \$2.2 million worth of Silent Shield equipment and supplies.

(For information on *Air Commando Salute*, call 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs at 884-7464.)



Photo by Jamie Haig

DUI Tracker



Oct. 14-20 0 DUIs

This year: 20

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Operations Support Squadron, Oct. 2

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...18

16th MXG...79

16th MSG...111

16th MDG...295

Totals are current as of Oct. 20.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 531

Not guilty, but substance abusers beware

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
16th SOW Public Affairs

A 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron Airman was acquitted of unlawfully using cocaine at a general court-martial here Oct. 11.

It took the four-member panel two hours to find Airman 1st Class Bradley Rice not guilty of knowingly using cocaine in February – a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Airman Rice was charged after a urine specimen collected Feb. 10 test-

ed positive for cocaine metabolites. The government presented four witnesses including Dr. Philip Mobley, director of the Air Force Drug Testing Lab in Brooks City Base, Texas.

Doctor Mobley testified that the amount of cocaine metabolites in Airman Rice's urine were above the Air Force threshold for a positive test.

However, the amount of cocaine ingested was likely less than seven milligrams.

Under cross examination by Eastern Circuit defense counsel Capt. Eric Cadotte, Doctor Mobley admit-

ted this amount of cocaine could have been easily ingested unknowingly and would likely not have had a noticeable intoxicating effect.

During the defense's final argument, Captain Cadotte provided numerous plausible scenarios of how Airman Rice might have unknowingly ingested the cocaine.

Captain Cadotte also reminded the panel that the government had to prove that his client had cocaine in his system, and that his client had knowingly used the drug.

The defense called no witnesses

during the two-day trial.

Airman Rice has returned to his duties as a communication and navigations repair apprentice.

"Similar cases here at Hurlburt have resulted in convictions," said Maj. Calvin Anderson, 16th Special Operations Wing staff judge advocate. "We will continue to prosecute all cases that warrant it."

"The message needs to be clear that anyone who knowingly uses drugs risks losing their career and possibly spending sometime behind bars," he said.

Free household waste collection

Dispose of waste during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Courtesy of the 16th CES

Hurlburt Field will conduct a household hazardous waste collection day Oct. 28 in Building 90523, located on RED HORSE Road.

During the past 18 months, the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron has held three collection days, removing approximately eight tons of hazardous materials from an estimated 500 housing units.

Hazardous wastes are those wastes produced in our households that are hazardous in nature, but aren't regulated as hazardous wastes under federal and state laws. It's most commonly found in restrooms, garages, kitchens, gardens, workshops, cars, basements and studies.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate 100 pounds per year of haz-

ardous waste. These common products can include cleaners, paints, stains, varnishes, car batteries, motor oil, pesticides and other products containing hazardous ingredients.

Hazardous wastes, if disposed of improperly, may contaminate the air, soil and water. Even small amounts of these wastes, when thrown out in the trash, may pollute ground water at a landfill.

Use the following procedures when making dropoffs Oct. 28:

■ Pack wastes carefully in a sturdy upright box and pad with newspaper to prevent spillage during transport.

■ Make sure containers are not leaking (tighten caps and lids).

■ Items that aren't sealed and/or leaking need to be placed in a larger container for transport.

■ Arrange like chemicals together and pack separately.

■ Label materials that aren't in their original containers.

Hazardous wastes will be collected 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, call Randy Trent at 884-7923.

Items acceptable for disposal

- Paints
- Brake fluid
- Fertilizers
- Paint products
- Antifreeze
- Herbicides/pesticides
- Solvents
- Automotive chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Roofing tar
- Furniture polish
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Used oil
- Spot removers
- Smoke alarms
- Oil filters
- General purpose cleaners
- Fire extinguishers
- Gasoline
- Drain cleaners
- Batteries
- Gas cylinders
- Oven cleaners
- Computer monitors
- Televisions
- Engine degreasers
- Detergents
- Appliances
- *Explosives won't be accepted

MH-53 PAVE LOW pilot receives Cheney Award

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – An Air Force MH-53 PAVE LOW helicopter pilot from Fort Bragg, N.C., received the Cheney Award in a ceremony at the Pentagon Oct. 13.

Maj. John Groves, who was then assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron, earned the award for his actions while delivering supplies to Iraq as part of two-ship formation.

The major's wingman was shot down en route. Major Groves, while under fire, found and rescued the other aircrew.

"Right after they were shot down, we didn't know where they were," the major said. "The rest of my crew kept cool heads, and we made the decision to get down and rescue the other crew."

During the rescue, Major Groves and his crew continued to fend off enemy attacks.

"It shows that we'll do whatever it takes to bring our folks home," Major Groves said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren presented Major Groves with the Cheney medallion. The major was accompanied by several family members.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be able to give this to you for this act of heroism," General Moseley told Major Groves. "You represent the finest traditions of this service."

The Cheney Award is presented each year in memory of 1st Lt. William Cheney, who was killed in an air collision over Italy in 1918.

It was established in 1927 and awarded to an Airman for an act of valor, extreme fortitude or self-sacrifice in a humanitarian interest, performed in connection with aircraft, but not necessarily of a military nature.

History of Operation Urgent Fury revisited 22 years later

By John Dabrowski, Ph.D.
16th SOW History Office

The United States invaded the Caribbean island-nation of Grenada Oct. 25, 1983, due to administration concern of Communist influence.

The island's main political party, the New Jewel Movement, and its leader, Maurice Bishop, were heavily influenced and supported by Cuba's

communist government.

Mr. Bishop was overthrown, and ultimately executed, by his deputy, Bernard Coard, who was a hard-line communist.

To add to the dilemma, many U.S. students were on the island attending medical school, and the U.S. government considered them to be in imminent danger from anti-American elements.

Additionally, numerous Cuban soldiers, many disguised as construction workers, were on the island helping to build an international airport, which Grenada claimed was being built to accommodate tourists. President Ronald Reagan accused Grenada of constructing the airport to aid a Soviet-Cuban military buildup in the Caribbean and of militarizing a country that had previously main-

tained a small army.

The administration launched a military operation against the island, code-named "Urgent Fury."

The U.S. government described the invasion as a non-combatant evacuation operation for the 600 medical students on the island. Within Grenada, the invasion was popular, due to the public outrage of Mr. Bishop's execution by Mr. Coard.

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DOD wants to study lessons from Katrina before proposing changes

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense wants to wait for after-action reviews of operations following Hurricane Katrina before making recommendations on changing laws or policies, DOD leaders said last month.

President George Bush has said the idea of DOD taking a lead role in domestic disasters is a decision Congress must make. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said it's too early to say how DOD would respond.

Secretary Rumsfeld spoke during a press conference last month.

"The president has made some statements that he's interested in discussing lessons learned in the executive branch, then thinking about how our country can best be arranged to serve the American people," he said.

Typically, local and state governments provide first responders to disasters. When Hurricane Katrina ham-

pered the Gulf states, first responders were victims themselves "and, as such, somewhat overwhelmed by the catastrophic nature of the Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Katrina created a situation distinctly different than the normal, he said.

"The president's point was that there are some things that are of sufficient magnitude that they require something to substitute for the overwhelmed first responders at the state and local level," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "That is the issue that he's thinking about."

The Posse Comitatus Act forbids active-duty military personnel from engaging in law enforcement activities. Active-duty personnel can still provide medical help, deliver supplies, provide potable water and rescue trapped citizens without running afoul of the law.

"The reality is that the Department of Defense has capabilities," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "Now, we're

not organized, trained or equipped or resourced to step in and do domestic events of that type.

"On the other hand, because we are organized, trained and equipped to do a vast variety of other things, there's a certain parallel capability that can be brought to bear, as we've seen in (hurricanes) Katrina and Rita," he said.

One aspect that would argue against a direct role for active-duty forces is the excellent relationship forged between National Guard and active-duty personnel.

The state adjutants general and Joint Task Force Katrina commander Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore have worked together well. But, there's always room for improvement, Pentagon officials said.

"What we're going to do is assess, in a thoughtful way, the whole range of responsibilities properly assigned to DOD when dealing with a high-end disaster or catastrophic event," said Army Maj. Paul Swiergosz, Pentagon spokesman.

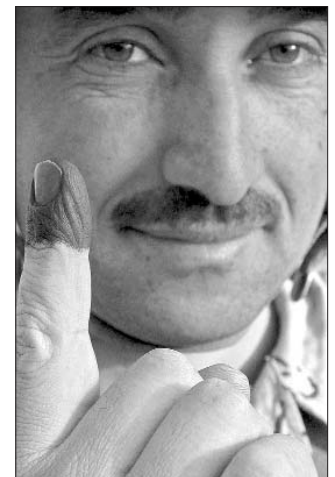


Photo by PH1 Alan Monyelle

An Iraqi soldier proudly displays his ink stained finger after voting in the country's national referendum on the draft constitution in Tal Afar, Iraq Saturday.

Brothers In Arms

Army

KHADAMIYAH, Baghdad –

Millions of Iraqis streamed to the polls Saturday to vote on their country's constitution. Scattered incidents of violence were quickly squelched by Iraqi forces. Coalition forces supported the Iraqis with perimeter checkpoints and crowd control.

Marines

NAVAL AIR STATION-JOINT RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH, Texas – More than 1,600 participants and 2,000 spectators gathered on the Marine Aircraft Group-41 flight line Saturday for the sixth annual MAG-41 Mud Run here.

Participants had to slog through the 10K-course, tons of mud and more than 30 obstacles.

Navy

KARACHI, Pakistan – The amphibious dock landing ship *USS Pearl Harbor* arrived in Karachi, Pakistan, Tuesday to offload 13 pieces of heavy machinery to support the Pakistani earthquake relief effort. Personnel from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 and NMCB 74, units forward deployed to Bahrain, assisted Pearl Harbor Sailors in offloading dump trucks, front-end loaders, backhoes, cargo trucks, a road grader, a forklift and a generator.

Help on way: The Department of Defense begins earthquake relief efforts in South Asia

Courtesy of AFPN

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials announced Oct. 10 that Navy Rear Admiral Michael Lefever has been designated to establish a humanitarian coordination center in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Admiral Lefever will coordinate DOD support to the State Department, other U. S. government agencies and to the Pakistan govern-

ment in response to the earthquake that struck South Asia Oct. 8.

Army Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, has been in Islamabad to oversee the initial U. S. military assistance response to the disaster.

He will return to Kabul, Afghanistan, to resume his responsibilities there.

The immediate DOD assistance has flowed into

Pakistan from throughout the region. Missions included dropping 12 pallets of food and medicine flown by a C-17 Globemaster III from Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, and by heavy lift and supply helicopters from Bahrain and Afghanistan.

Additional C-17s with more support and equipment arrived Oct. 11.

DOD officials are identifying and will deploy additional capabilities to assist

the State Department and affected countries, including helicopters, engineering and heavy lift capabilities, medical support and humanitarian assistance.

Together with the other agencies of the U.S. government that are rendering assistance, the department will continue to work with the Pakistan government to assess what assistance can be made available immediately and in the longer term.

New, joint DOD ads urge parent-to-kid talks about military

By Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense debuted a new joint, national awareness campaign Monday aimed at encouraging parents, and other influencers of youth, to be prepared for what can be a tough conversation, a defense official said.

The ads, part of the DOD's Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies program, urge parents and educators to "make it a two-way con-

versation" when their children or students broach the subject of military service, said Maj. René Stockwell, the program's chief of joint advertising.

Parents can do this by brushing up on the military with the information found on the "Today's Military" Web site at www.todaysmilitary.com.

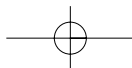
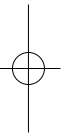
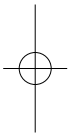
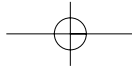
"We find that the many parents aren't informed about what the military is really about," Major Stockwell said. "They think that most people are going to serve in the war. They don't know about the unique jobs that we offer, the educational opportuni-

ties or what it's like being part of something greater than yourself. That's the purpose of our campaign: to try to inform them and educate them about what the military is really about."

Shot from the parents' point-of-view, the advertising campaign depicts a series of one-sided conversations between young adults considering military service and their parents.

The children explain why military

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ed, they'll get help."

The Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response launched a Web site, www.sapr.mil, displaying all the services' Web sites related to sexual assault and government and public sites that might be of assistance.

If the Airman wants an immediate criminal investigation, they should report it through their chain of command, security forces or OSI to begin the process.

If privacy is a concern, crimes should be reported to SARC, clergy or health professionals using the new restricted-reporting process.

"The most important thing is that the Airman reports it to someone, so we can help," said Colonel Harmon.

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Fighting continued for several days, and the total number of U.S. troops reached 7,000, aided by 300 troops from neighboring Caribbean islands. They encountered soldiers and advisors from various communist nations including Cuba, North Korea, East Germany, Bulgaria and Libya.

Elements of the 1st Special Operations Wing, predecessor to the 16th SOW, contributed five AC-130H Gunships and five MC-130E aircraft to the fight, while eight MH-53 PAVE LOW hel-

icopters remained on alert.

The 1st SOW aircraft led the air assault, and without AC-130s to suppress ground fire from the Cubans, the MC-130Es couldn't have dropped Army airborne troops successfully.

The 8th Special Operations Squadron transported and delivered Soldiers and later dropped leaflets to encourage the Cubans to surrender. After the initial assault, the Gunships remained in the area in case they were needed.

Without 1st SOW participation, Operation Urgent Fury wouldn't have been such a low-cost success.

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service is a good career option and are met with

silence. A narrator then encourages the parent to "make it a two-way conversation" by broadening their understanding of military

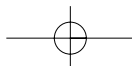
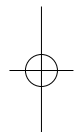
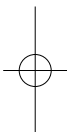
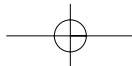


Courtesy photo

Combat weathermen worked with conventional forces during Operation Urgent Fury.

service through the information found on the Today's Military Web site. In addition to the information on the Today's Military Web site,

four television commercials hit the airwaves on national cable TV Monday. Advertisements can also be seen online, in magazines.



Special OPERATORS

Lieutenant colonel, captain selects

*Congratulations to the following
lieutenant colonel selects:*

Air Force Special Operations Command

Joseph Decaro
Justin Wymore
Christopher Barnett
Robert Boone
Charles Boyd
William Carle
Richard Clark
Anthony Franzese
Robert Gambera
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Richard Gugliemino Jr.

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Brian Jones
Gene Lee

Robert Nelson
Brian Severns
Lance Tilghman

4th Special Operations Squadron

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6th SOS

Roberto Concepcion
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Dagvin Anderson

David Millsapps
Richard Walker

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Jason Miller

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16th Component Maintenance Squadron

Kenneth Hamm

16th Operations Group

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16th SOS

Ernest Deshayes

19th SOS

Bradley O'neil

16th Security Forces Squadron

Richard Neal Jr.

18th Flight Test Squadron

Thomas Joss
Bernard Willi

25th Information Operations Squadron

Ginger Wallace

505th Exercise Control Squadron

Thomas Constant

*Congratulations to the following
captain selects:*

Air Force Special Operations Command

Stacie Arrasmith
Robert Bouchillon
Darrell Peek
Delvin Ricks
Christine Whelan

4th Special Operations Squadron

William Dewalt
Jonas Freil
Daniel Godwin

James Hamman
Neil Sinha

Joseph Valentino

6th SOS

Eric Bernkopf
Robert Smith

15th SOS

Kane Kettles
Matthew Price
Paul Thornton

16th Comptroller Squadron

Calvin Henderson Jr.

16th Contracting Squadron

Jill Charpia

16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

James Manning

16th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Jessica Oberlander

16th Medical Operations Squadron

Chuck Henderson

16th Operations Support

Squadron

Brian Hasbrouck
Kevin Krauss

Paul Nistler

16th SOS

Joseph Borrell
Anna Fischer
Jason Shellock

16th Security Forces Squadron

Dan Nuqui

19th SOS

Jeremy Fortier

23rd Special Tactics Squadron

Neil Landsberg
Eli Mitchell

39th Information Operations Squadron

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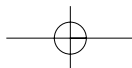
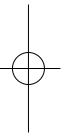
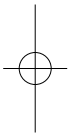
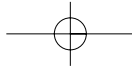
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Training day

Base firefighters team with local fire stations

By Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

With the synchronization of a perfectly orchestrated military mission, the Hurlburt Field Fire Department trained with local firefighters on Okaloosa Island Oct. 18-28.

The department was invited by Okaloosa County to participate in firefighting and rescue techniques, in the two-week long training session.

"We run it just like a real fire," said John Frecker, an Ocean City-Wright Fire Department trainer. "There are four stations involved at one time, and each one has a specific job to handle."

An abandoned two-story motel, waiting to be razed, was used for the training. The motel still has some furniture, appliances and fixtures intact, giving the firefighters a 'real-life' situation where they can practice different techniques.

Mr. Frecker, a 21-year firefighting veteran, arranged the training session.

Jaime Beal, Okaloosa Island fire chief, hosted the training.

The fire was in one unit, and there may be victims that need to be rescued. The firefighters must enter it safe-

ly, search for and rescue anyone inside and contain the fire from spreading to other units.

The four teams were assigned specific jobs as if they were in the field; one team moved the fire hoses, or lines, to the burning unit; the next team secured the water supply and set up a back-up line; the third handled the ventilation and performed rescues; the fourth was the safety, or back-up team.

Mr. Frecker explained the room layout and which path to follow.

He then reminded them of the "sounder" – a loud, pulsing blast that lets the firefighters inside the structure know the situation is out of control, and they need to evacuate the building immediately.

"When you hear the 'sounder', back out, no exceptions," said Mr. Frecker. "Safety is paramount."

For the first exercise, a bale of hay was ignited in a bathtub, and the Hurlburt Field Fire Department was the safety team. Stationed at the back of the motel in front of a sliding glass door, they listened to the chatter on the radios, standing ready to rush in if needed. The smoke was visible through the glass. As the minutes passed, its thickness increased, and it started to sink lower to the ground. The traffic on the radio quickened, the bale of hay is burned quicker than the trainers expected.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

16th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters and local firefighters participate in a joint exercise Oct. 18-28 on Okaloosa Island.

A hose was brought into the room to slightly extinguish the flame, allowing the exercise to continue.

After approximately 25 minutes, the fire was extinguished, the rescues were performed, and ventilation was completed. Then, the participating stations rotated positions, and the exercise started over. During the entire exercise, several fire chiefs were there to offer guidance, assistance and advice.

"It's good to have a chance to do this," said Michael Blakely, Hurlburt Field Fire Department deputy chief. "We work outside the gate a lot, so it's good to have a chance to work directly with the other firefighters."



A Hurlburt Field firefighter adjusts his gear between exercises Tuesday on Okaloosa Island.



The Hurlburt Field Fire Department deputy chief, oversees his crew entering the burning building during training.

AFPC will conduct force shaping board

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – In an effort to right size and shape its future force, Air Force officials approved an annual board to evaluate officers for continued service at their three-year point.

The board will be part of the service's force management program.

The first Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here April 3, 2006. The board will evaluate active duty line officers in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups – except officers with less than two years current active service or 15 or more years of active service as of Sept. 29, 2006.

The board's objective is to shape the future force by retaining officers the Air Force needs to develop as future leaders.

The board will make its determination based on the information in the officers' central selection record and Retention Recommendation Form.

The central selection record includes:

–**Officer selection brief**
–**Officer performance reports**

–**Decorations**

–**Letters of evaluation**
Permanent-change-of-station students (such as those at intelligence school or attending the Air Force Institute of Technology) won't have a completed an Retention Recommendation Form.

Instead, their host wing commander will complete a letter of evaluation outlining the officer's training program and performance.

–**Letter to the board**
Board-eligible officers are authorized to submit a letter to the board to provide additional information relevant to the board decision process that is not included in any other documents in the central selection record.

–**Retention Recommendation Form**
The first O-6 or GS-15 in the officer's chain of command will write a nine-line narrative and make a recommendation.

The senior rater will review the form and either concur or non-concur with the initial reviewer's recommendation.

For more information, visit: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm.

Look who's new in pink, blue...

Girls

Ava Maris Denman was born Sept. 7 to Lt. Col. Kenneth and Brenda Denman, Air Force Special Operations Command.

Arianna Isabella Cuevas was born Sept. 14 to Tech. Sgt. Arnoldo and Gina Cuevas, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Amanda Mireya Zayas was born Sept. 16 to Staff Sgt. Jorge and Aileen Zayas, 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Amelia Grace Trostle was born Sept. 19 to Staff Sgt. John Trostle and Melanie, 19th Special Operations Squadron.

Dausha Ireland Price was born Sept. 22 to Staff Sgt. James and Crystal Price, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron.

Zoe Olivia Evanson was born Sept. 24 to Staff Sgt. David and Amber Evanson, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Raylee Danielle Onan was born Sept. 26 to Capt. Jeff and Carla Onan, 15th SOS.

Charlotte Paige Moore was born Sept. 30 to Staff Sgt. Scot and Sara Moore, 16th Operations Support Squadron.

Boys

Ian McGregor Andrews was born Sept. 8 to Capt. David and Patricia Andrews, 16th OSS.

Devin Lavan Nelms was born Sept. 13 to Staff Sgt. Bradley and Tiwanna Nelms, 16th Communications Squadron.

Jonathan Emanuel Zayas was born Sept. 16 to Staff Sgt. Jorge and Aileen Zayas, 16th MOS.

Bryan Scott Bartz was born Sept. 18 to 2nd Lt. Lori and Scott Bartz, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Nathan LeVontre Lucas was born Sept. 20 to Master Sgt. Tilwanja Lucas, 16th Medical Operations Squadron.

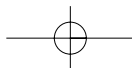
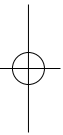
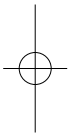
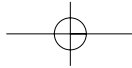
Obadiah Aulani Medeiros was born Sept. 20 to Tech. Sgt. Garren and April Medeiros, 16th MDOS.

Colin Benjamin Lobo-Caves was born Sept. 22 to Staff Sgt. Adam and Darrah-Helena Caves, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Alexander Robert Godfrey was born Sept. 24 to Tech. Sgt. Kenneth and Julie Godfrey, 20th SOS.

Colby Nathan Richardson was born Sept. 27 to Maj. Don and Jami Richardson, 16th SOS.

Recycle Today



Military

USAFSOS courses

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all Special Operators to attend the Cross Cultural Communications Course Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. The course is designed for personnel preparing to live or deploy overseas, who work with international military personnel, and those with a professional or analytical interest in international studies.

For more information, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731. Visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

Also, the USAFSOS invites all special operations personnel to attend the Sub-Saharan Africa Orientation Course Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Sub-Saharan Africa region. For more information on course content, call Capt. Jenny D'Olympia at 884-6793 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/>.

Olmsted Program

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides the opportunity to study abroad, obtain a master's degree in a foreign language and gain an in-depth understanding of a foreign country.

The eligibility criteria for this program is contained in Military Personnel Flight Memorandum 05-34. Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center must receive applications no later than Nov. 18. Mail directly to:

HQ AFPC/DPAFE
550 C Street West, Suite 36
Randolph Air Force Base, TX
78150-4734

For more information, call (210) 565-2103 or visit: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/fdso/dpafe.htm.

CCAF graduation

A Community College of the Air Force commencement ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m., Nov. 9 in the Soundside club. The education services office will be minimally manned 7:30 a.m. to noon to participate in the celebration. For more information, call 884-6724.

NCOA

Hurlburt Field's Commando Non-commissioned Officers Association, Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248, will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Oct. 29 in J.R. Rockers' All Ranks Destination Room.

Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-



Courtesy photo

Family affair

As his first duty as a newly commissioned officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, he enlisted his father, 16th Medical Support Squadron Oct. 14.

2695 or Charles Glotzbach at 884-1771.

Community

EEO appointment

The Equal Employment Office announces the appointment of Arnetha Welcome as Chief EEO counselor for Team Hurlburt. Ms. Welcome will be the installation commander's chief advisor on EEO matters and serve as the base alternative dispute resolution champion and overall base special emphasis program manager.

Ms. Welcome will transition to the EEO function from Eglin Air Force Base to the new Hurlburt Field function over the next several months. For more information about the EEO program, contact Ms. Welcome at 884-6691.

Stand-up scooters

According to Florida law, stand-up scooters are only allowed to be operated on private property. This applies to gas and electric models. These types of scooters aren't authorized to be operated anywhere on Hurlburt Field. For more information, call the 16th Security Forces Squadron at 884-6185.

Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be held 4-8 p.m., Thursday at the Community Park. A cake walk and carnival-style games for youth are planned. The event is free, and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Awards for best essays and posters submitted for Red Ribbon Week, which promotes a drug-free commitment from youth, will be presented at the festival. For more information, call Zollie Ford at 884-6355.

Free child care

The next "Give Parents a Break" will be held 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday. Free child care is provided for eligible families with children ages 6 months

to 12 years old. This program is sponsored by Air Force Aid Society for qualified spouses of deployed or remote active-duty members or for emergency situations. For more information, call Josephine Nicholson at 884-6664.

Commando Cruise-In

The Annual Commando Cruise-In will be held 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Soundside grounds. The event is open to the public, and admission is free. This is a motorcycle, car and truck extravaganza.

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to each vehicle category, and approximately \$800 in cash will be awarded for specialty categories. Attendees of all ages are invited to dress up in costumes. Prizes will be awarded in different costume categories for children, adults and groups/families. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Vehicle registration forms, with details and entry costs, are available at: www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/cruisein.html.

For more information, email charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil.

Haunted house

The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron will host its annual haunted house 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and Oct. 28-29 and 31. The first visit costs \$3 per person age 6 and older; children age 5 and under are free. Each visit thereafter is \$1. The haunted house is located in Building 91133.

Moms, Pops & Tots

Moms, Pops and Tots is an informal format for parents and their young children to meet other parents and observe their children interacting with other children. Structured activities are planned on a monthly basis. Children ages birth to 2 years old meet 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, and children age 2-4 meet 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays in the family support center.

At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6 years old and up. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field - 884-7648

Friday, Sunday - Red Eye (PG-13) Lisa hates to fly, but the terror that awaits her on the night flight to Miami has nothing to do with a fear of flying. Moments after takeoff, Lisa's seatmate, Jackson menacingly reveals the real reason he's on board: He is an operative in a plot to kill a rich and powerful businessman, and Lisa is the key to its success. If she refuses to cooperate, an assassin awaiting a call from Jackson will kill her father. Trapped within the confines of a jet at 30,000 feet, Lisa has nowhere to run and no way to summon help without endangering her father, her fellow passengers and her own life.

Saturday - The Cave (PG-13) A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths. But when the group's escape route is cut off, they are hunted by the monstrous creatures that live down below.

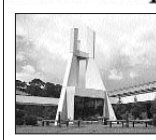
Eglin - 882-1066

Friday, Sunday - The Transporter (PG-13) Retired in Miami, ex-Special Forces operative, Frank, makes a living driving for the wealthy Billings family. He's a huge favorite with their two small boys, but when the kids are kidnapped and injected with a potentially fatal virus, Frank defies the FBI and works relentlessly to get the boys to safety and discover the kidnapper's master plan.

Saturday - The Man (PG-13) A case of mistaken identity forces Federal agent Derrick Vann and dental supply salesman Andy Fidler to team up as they speed through the streets of Detroit to pull off a sting operation and solve the murder of Vann's former partner.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

Base chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education:
September - May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

Airman Against Drunk Driving

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844. Don't drink and drive.



24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field - 884-6322
Air Force - (800) 538-8429
Department of Defense - (800) 424-9098

Send all article ideas to commando@hurlburt.af.mil

Club fees waived

Deployed Air Force club members' dues should be waived by the base, during deployment to a contingency location for 30 days or more, where there is no *Air Force club*, per *Air Force Instruction 34-272*, para. 1.13.3.

Airmen should ask their organizational commander or first sergeant to notify the club when members are being deployed. Members may also bring a copy of the orders to their customer service area of their clubs.

Travel changes

The online travel reservation module in Defense Travel System will be down until further notice for a system update. During this time, all airline, lodging and rental car reservations must be booked and ticketed by the Commercial Travel Office outside DTS, then manually entered. Enter the reservations expenses on the following screens in DTS:

Airlines – in the Travel module on the "Other Trans." screen.

Lodging – in the Additional Options module on the "Per Diem Entitlements" screen.

Rental Car (Commercial Auto) – in the Expenses module on the "Non-Mileage" screen.

Upon return from temporary duty, the member should enter the actual airline, lodging, and rental car costs manually using the same steps as above. Any questions should be directed to your squadron/unit organizational defense travel administrator.

Resumé writing workshop

A resumé writing workshop will be held from 1-3 p.m. Monday at the family support center. Information is covered on how to translate skills,

develop the resumé, and various letters are provided from the cover letter to the thank-you letter. For more information, call 884-5441.

Single parents meeting

An informal lunchtime meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center. Share the joys and challenges of being a single parent with others. Lunch is provided.

Hearts Apart event

Come to the Hearts Apart "Hobo party" held 5:30-7:30 p.m. today at the family support center. This is for anyone with a deployed/remote loved one. Goodies and games will be provided for the children. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Diane Thomas at 884-5441.

Veterans affairs briefing

Briefing will be held 7:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the base theater.

Angel tree

The Angel Tree Program kicks off at 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the base exchange. Look for more information at a later date.

Filing household claims

The Hurlburt Field Claims Office strives to make the claims process as smooth and painless as possible when personal items become damaged or even lost during a permanent change of station. The office is located on the second floor of Building 90210. To file a claim, have damaged or lost items annotated on *DD Form 1840/1840R* (pink form). Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 884-1970.

Jewelry Sale

The Eglin Spouse's Club will be holding a jewelry sale 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Oct. 28 in the Eglin Officers Club. All proceeds will go to a charitable donation.

Classes Spouses to teachers

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support announced the continuance/expansion of the spouses to teachers program. This is a Department of Defense pilot project designed to assist spouses of active-duty and Reserve military members in becoming school teachers. A reimbursable stipend up to \$600 is available to spouses for teacher certification examinations only.

For more information, visit www.spouses-toteachers.com

Online tuition assistance

Online tuition assistance is now mandatory for all officers. This is an Air Force Personnel Center active-duty service commitment requirement effective immediately.

There must be a digital signature on each officer's Authority for *Tuition Assistance*, *Air Force Form 1227*, to comply with the new ADSC procedures. It will no longer be an option for an officer to hand sign the *AF Form 1227*.

Officers can process their OTA requests through the Air Force Virtual Education Center by logging on to the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil/gcss-af5/FAF/fafHome.jsp and going to the "Career" or "Life" sections. Enlisted personnel may use online TA at this time.

For more information, call 884-6724.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Theresae Smith

Commando 5K

Runners (left) dash down the road during the Commando 5K held Saturday. The following are the top male and female runners:

Overall male runner – Chris Behrens, 9th Special Operations Squadron; overall female runner – Debby Lemire, 16th Services Squadron; Male Master Overall – Daniel Nieves, U.S. Special Operations Command; Female Master Overall – Paula Jackson, Air Force Special Operations Command

Spend 'spare' time bowling

By Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

With a full house at Hurlburt Lanes Tuesday night, the International Intramural bowling leagues were going strong.

Bowling leagues have been a part of Hurlburt Field entertainment for more than 20 years, with leagues playing six nights a week.

"Even though the leagues have started, check with your squadrons, we still need bowlers," said John Lovering, league secretary.

Lovering has been a bowler for 32 years and league president for two years.

"I'd like to be able give back to other bowlers," said Lovering. "I want to make this fun for everyone."

Two bowlers from the Joint Special Operations School shared their thoughts on the league.

"I haven't bowled in 10 years," said

Linda Hunter. "My feelings are to bring your good attitude and bad bowling."

Her teammate, Debbie Gunnoe, had a similar attitude.

"The goal is to have fun," said Gunnoe. "Even if we're in last place, it's OK if we've achieved our goal."

Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights are mixed leagues, with Tuesdays and Thursday nights reserved for the National Intramural League.

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are ladies leagues, and Saturdays are set aside for the youth leagues.

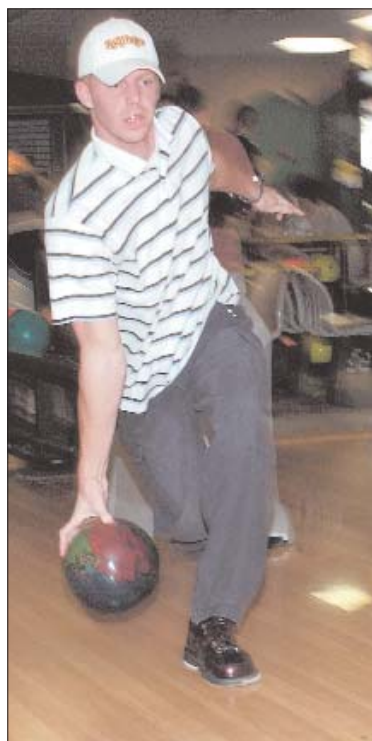
"We have some seniors that have been bowling in the same league forever," said Diane Emory, 16th Services Squadron. "It's great to see this and be a part of it."

Emory is in charge of the intramural bowling for Hurlburt Lanes. She's worked for 16th SVS at the lanes for three years, has been the Okaloosa Women's Bowling Association secretary for eight years and a bowler all of her life.

With 23 weeks left in the handicap league, Lovering encourages people to come out and play.

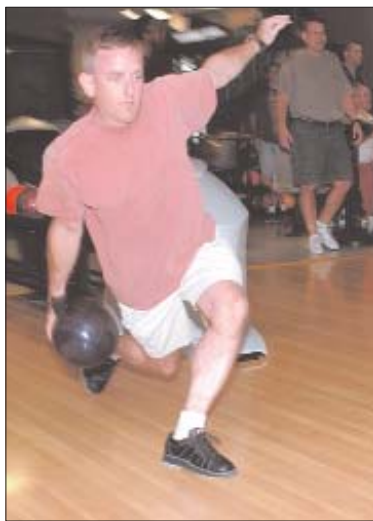
"Between deployments and temporary duties, we're always looking for people to fill in," he said.

For more information, call 884-6941.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

An Airman, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, bowls during the bowling league night Tuesday at Hurlburt Lanes.



A bowler, 16th LRS, takes his turn at the line Tuesday.

Intramural bowling standings

International league – current as of Oct. 13

Team	Win	Loss
LRS	32	24
HMXS	42	14
AFSOC A	30	26
39TH IOS	36	20
505TH EXS 2	27	29
RED HORSE	36	20
AMXS	25	31
AFSOC B	22	34
JSOU/USAFSOS	26	30
AFCWC	22	34
505TH EXS/DOM	30	26

National league – current as of Oct. 13

Team	Win	Loss
SVS A	42	66
505TH CCW	42	12
AFSOC C	24	24
CMS B	32	16
SVS B	20	28
CMS A	21	27
MDG	13	35
CHIEFS	12	36
COMM	24	24

In the bleachers

Intramural cross country

The intramural cross-country season begins next month and will include a total of five races. The course lengths range from two to six miles. The current schedule is Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16 and Jan. 6. Teams must have a least five runners. If a squadron doesn't have enough runners for a team, interested participants will be placed in a runners' pool.

Cross country is open to active-duty members and their dependents, Department of Defense civilian personnel and those on a temporary duty assignment here. For more information, call 884-6884.

Golf tournaments

The Stryder Cup Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Gator Lakes Golf Club Nov. 4. Check-in begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. The entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fees, a golf cart rental, goody bag and dinner. For dinner only, the cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call 881-2251.

Also, the Gator Lakes Golf Club is hosting a golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. Tee time is set at 7 a.m. Saturday, and the shotgun starts at 7 a.m. Sunday. The cost is \$25 for Gator Lakes members, \$30 for Eglin Air Force Base members, \$40 for non-members and \$45 for guests. For more information, call 881-2251.

Women's basketball

Any women interested in playing varsity basketball against other bases in the Southeast, should call Jim Harriot or Tech. Sgt. Bernice Stoffel at the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884 or 884-6949. Eligible individuals are: active-duty, Guard, Reservists, dependents and Department of Defense and Non-Appropriated Fund civilians. Practices are held at the Eglin Air Force Base gym.

Volunteer coaches

Volunteer roller hockey and basketball coaches are needed for Hurlburt Field's youth teams. Application packages are available at the youth center. All new coaches are required to attend the National Youth Sports Coaches training, and complete CPR and first-aid training. For more information, call Ed Vieth at 884-6355.

Basketball, roller hockey

Youth basketball and roller hockey registration continues through Nov. 4. Practices begin in December, and games start in January. Cost is \$45 per player, \$90 per family. Parents must bring a copy of each player's birth certificate to registration at the youth center. Annual physicals are required; school physicals accepted. For more information, call Ed Vieth at 884-6355.

For all intramural sports information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.